History of the Most Powerful of the Black Tribes.

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Boer and Briton Equally Dread Their Uprising.

"The most disagreeable feature of the intest news from South Africa is the

unsasiness of the Bazutos." This brief but significant statement was made a few days ago by Mr. Spensor Wilkinson, one of the best military experts in England. Among the thousands Englishmen and foreigners familiar with the facts, who read it, there were few indeed who did not agree with him that the news of growing unrest among the people of Basutoland was most omin ous, for a very obvious reason. To restrain people like the Basutos after they have once became restless is no easy task, and if in the present insance it should prove impossible the great question arises; "On which side, if on either, will this powerful African tribe range itself, on the side of the British or on that of

The Basatos inhabit an irregular and oval shaped country in the northeast of Cape Colony ,the area of which is about 10,201 square miles. A well watered country, it is, with a delightful climate and with a soil which is admirably adapted for producing grain, Meadowland alnds and large berds of cattle add much to the wealth of the natives The capital is Maseur, and therein six hundred Basutas and thirty Europeans find homes. Europeans settlement is probibited throughout the country, and, therefore, the white population has remained for some years practically limited to the few foreigners who take in wheat, mealles and corn. Of mineral wealth, especially of copper and iron, there are many indications, and coal has also been

The Basutos are a tribe of the Bechuanas, and the census of 1801 shows that they numbered 218,000. They are a race of recent origin, being really an agglomerition of people who had been scattered during the Zulu conquests at the beginning of the present century. Europe power under their great chief Moresh, who had many disputes with the Free State and who finally transferred the sovereignty of his country to Queen Victoria. The country, however, knew no rest until 1869, when peace was concluded by the terms of which Rasutoland was reduced to about one-half its original

Trouble again came in 1889, when the Capa Colony made an unsuccessful attempt to disarm the Basutos. The result was a disastrous rebilion, in which, after several months' hard fighting, no definite advantage was gained by either side, and the resources, both of the colonlsts and of their swarthy adversaries, were practically exhausted. A High oner, who was appointed as arhitratur, decided that the Busnius should pay a fine in cattle, and soon afterwards of their own color, shall not invoke or n bill was framed providing for the disannexation of their country. The imperial government then agreed

the British crown, that the Orange Free State should pledge itself to respect the frontier rights, and that the Cape Colony should pay over toward the cost of administration the customs duties respect the future civilization of South Africa.

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NOTE: The Cape Colony should pay over toward the cost of administration the customs duties respect to the future civilization of South Africa. celved on goods imported into Basictoland. The Colony accepted this offer, and in the Besutoland Disannexation act provision was made for the payment of a year. The Orange Pres State also intimated its willingness to comply with the conditions imposed upon it England. As for the Basutos, they held a great "pitsu," or parliament, on Ne-vegater D. 1883, and there and then the And, as I gazed, with curious eyes, on representatives of more than two-thirds blazoned symbols of old colonist strug-of the entire tribe expressed their desire gies, of the stern war for independence. to remain under Reitish rule and their and the late strife of fratricidal hate, willingness to pay but tax and to com- there came silently stealing out each from ply with the other conditions on which a remote and a durky corner, two quaint

This was Masapha, a man of sreat authand touched hand in quiet recognition, thortty and indisence. In answer to all and they paced the slow length of the arguments and pleas he simply said that corridor, speaking in low and measure be preferred to retain his own inde- tone of what they saw. Thrill, laterest, semicone. To this sturdy nationalist the exultant joy, pained sadness, then a British government paid spant attention, growing and broadening satisfaction, all it formally declared that the requisite these were in their eyes, the while they with and without further delay it took grads and griefs and glories, and then at steps to carry on the government main last they paused, and standing, gazed the framediate authority of the crown with bushed expectant faces at the chiseled figure of the nation's Goddess,

The chiefs however, stiff retain much of their old authority. Thus they still conturies to be.

"O. Elberty! Brave heart of the native beart of th idjudicate in all matters between natives, than's heart! Dear angel of the Pilhe next higher court to which appeals grims weary spirit! Inspirer of martial nay be taken being the magistrate's, breast of the Cavalier Read us the whete all cases between Europeans and message by thy greater thought, and satives are brought. This method of dussensing justice soon became reasonably popular, and even the redoubtable Masupha tendered his submission in issi, and asked that a magistrate be sent to The atmost and accomplished, and we see reside in his district. The people had become orderly and law abiding by that time, and the salutary influence of the missimaries, the chiefs and the government had done much to oring about a diminution of serious crimes and of in theiration, which at one time had threatened to utterly destroy the natives.

There is not a canteen in Basutoland tony. As educators the missionaries have done good work, and altogether the Basutos have become wonderfully civfilliged within the last fifteen years. This does not mean that all the old vertise of burbarion have whelly disappeared. The Basatos are glad to import blankets, Paul before Aurippa should be sufficient ploughs, saddles and bridles, clothing and There, more than twenty years after the fron and tinware from Eugland, but they crucifixion, Agrippa showed no knowledge often given in return for them native of Christ, as he must have done that he goods instead of money, and many of ever written such a letter as is ascribed thom pay their taxes in the same way. to him." There is not a telegraph or a rallway in "You know nobyly is quite so easily the ordinary hospital fee, which is just the country and etters are only delivered deceived as a scientific mann said in enough to pay the ranning expenses of once a week. The nearest telegraph P. S. Henson: "I don't believe a wood of the institution. The best of references station is at Ladysmith, in the Orange the story. The lifes that Christ refused Pres State, and the transmission of let- to heat the king at a distance, as he

When the war in the Transvaal broke send a disciple to effect the cure after out the rumor spread that the Basutos the crucifixion, is silly."

"The discovery is quite important." Free State, and those Europeans who said Bishop Bowman, "as it is a clear days at this noted resort. Mail for the know the dauntless characters and the confirmation of the scriptures. During the round trip. Good returning ninety days excellent military efficiency of the Afri- hast fifty years a great many important | from date of sale-

are the most intelligent the most pewin the entire country.

can put an army of several thousand portance."
men into the field at short notice, and "I am s Europeans. It was a knowledge of these facts that caused a general surprise in firmation." England when over the cable flashed the again aroused by the more positive infor- tion of the report." mation that the tokens of unrest in Ba-

Now the Basutos like the Griquas, were and Mr. Thompson, a member of the Cape no means new."

Assembly and well acquainted with the "The whole thing looks made up for notive question, think that for this of the participants in the present con- all it was probably nothing but the handlhe points out, there is a very strong feet for the purpose of apparently confirming that to invoke such aid would be a ing or reviving an old Monkish fable." grave crime against the whites of South Bishop Hust, Bishop Fowler, Bishop Africa. Many others have expressed a Hartzell, Bishop Fitzgerald, and Bishop are just as loath as the British to accept while the others said they did not fee any aid from the blacks.

Both Boers and British are just at present most anxious to keep the Basutes and other native tribes quiet, and for the M. Stuart, and the Rev. Charles Hors reason that owing to the overwhelming well, all of Garrett Biblical Institute, do preponderance of the black population in not put any faith in the discovery. Pres-Africa a perfect pandemonium would be ident Henry Wade Rogers refused to be likely to reign in case of native upris- interviewed on the subject. ings. Up to the present there has been fittle fear of any serious revolt on the part of the natives, the prevailing opin-ton being that the Kaffirs generally, and especially the individual races of Basutos Zulus, Griquas and Matabeles, have felt the power of the "Great White Queed" too keenly and too recently to allow them combine successfully,

That some of the native tribes, and specially the Basutos, will become restless and might even become restive at sight of the deadly struggle in the Transvanl was foremen even before the war began, but Englishmen consoled themselves with the thought that if any of the blacks did decide to obtain revenge for old wounds they would be far mo likely to vent their hostility on the Boers than on the British. They pointed out that the blacks have some respect for the British, and have, as a rule, accepted heard little of them until they rose to without any apparent reluctance the administration imposed upon them by the British government. Bechuanaland, they say, is a good instance of this, for King Khama has proved himself a stanch ally of the British. On the other hand, they point out that the natives have found the Boor farmers hard taskmaster, that a severe campaign has been carried on during recent years against the native chiefs in the northern part of the Transyaal, and that the Swazis on the south since their land was annexed to the South African Republic, in 1836. Over and over again the statement has

been made that the natives are not to be allowed to take any part in the Trans want war, not only because it is peculiarly a white man's war, but also be cause the dictates of civilization demand that whites, when fighting against men accept the aid of savages. A laudable sentiment, but the question still remains: to undertake the provisional administa- dusky neighbors in Basutoland shall tion of Basutoland, but only on condition take up arms?" This question is puz-that the natives should give satisfactory ging many thoughtful minds in England evidence of their desire to remain under and the Transvalt today, since they

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the imperial government was pre pared yet splendid figures. The one with clouk undertake the administration of and cape and beli-crowned hat, stood There was one chief, however, who pos- plumed heim and rich and gay attire, lively refused to accept England's offer. bowed smiling with majestic grace. Then ditions had been sufficiently compiled measured the story of their country erritory has been tuled by a Royal High as she stood with index finger of prophetic

point the way to grander glories than our strey dreamed.

"Lend on! Lead on, till the last fight is

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ters to and from Europe takes from 26 showed that he could do in the case of the centuition's servant, and promised to FRISCO LINE TO EUREKA SPRINGS.

cans were not a little startled at the discoveries of that kind have been made,

news. For these Basutos are not like which substantiate certain parts of the ordinary Africans; on the contrary, they Old and the New Testiment which had heretofore been doubted. There are so erful tribe and the best equipped tribe cleties in Germany and England that de e vote themselves to a careful search for The have modern arms and ambearing on the scriptures. These soci-munition, including smokeless powder, etles have made some great discoveries and they know how to use them. They and may make others of even greater lin-

"I am slow in accepting such reports when in the field they will fight with a of new discoveries," said the Rev. T. B. skill and a courage that have more than Neeley of Philadelphia. "I do not mean once won for them the admiration of to say that they are untrue, but I think

"I saw the report," said Bishop W. F. rumor that the Basutos intended to at- Mailalieu of the Methodist church, "but tack the Orange Free State, and this I do not care to discuss that matter surprise had hardly abated when it was without having obtained further confimar

"The report," said the Rev. Dr. E. J. sutoland were becoming more marked Gray, President of the Williamsport (Pa.) Dickenson Seminary, "looks a little sus picious. It seems to have been made up never treated in neighborly fashion by for the occasion of this conference. The the Boers of the Orange Free State, matter to which this story refers is by

some purpose," said Dr. Thomas McK. reason the large majority of the Basutos Stuart of Des Moines, Ia. "It bears on would range themselves on the British the fact of it the appearance of a forgside if they should decide to joine either ery and if any find has been made at flict. Throughout Great Britain however, work of some more recent period, planted opinion within the last six Whitlock were not disposed to discuss months, and persons who claim to speak the discovery. Bishop Hust said it was with authority maintain that the Boers an old matter, as did Bishop Fowler, competent, from their knowledge of the matter as published to express an opinion The Rev. Milton S. Terry, the Rev. C

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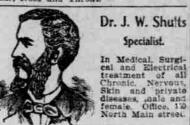
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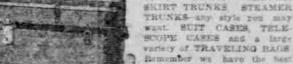
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